

# State Capitol News Gasoline Tax Increase Scheduled for Final Vote in Unicameral Today

LINCOLN — There was no change of diet this week for the Nebraska legislature.

After a solid week of argument over the motor vehicle fee increase measure, the lawmakers returned this week to wind up the license bill and then knuckle down to consideration of a diesel tax bill and a truck weight tolerance measure.

The gasoline tax increase bill is scheduled for a final vote on Thursday. The bill setting up an advisory highway commission was to be passed early this week.

As the lawmakers returned to the capitol after the weekend recess, this was the situation on the license fee bill: Fee increases of as much as 100 percent for 46,000 commercial trucks under the three-ton class approved. Twenty-five percent increases for 11,000 commercial trucks in the three-to-nine ton classes, inclusive, approved. Fees for 4,000 commercial trucks above the nine-ton class would be increased 50 to 55 percent.

No action on fees for 76,000 farm trucks or 900 buses. Pending was a motion to amend the bill which now specifies that a farm truck must be eight tons or less. Western Nebraska senators, led by Sen. A. A. Fenske of Sunol were seeking to increase the limit to 10 tons.

Action was pending on setting all passenger car license fees at \$6 except cars in the hands of dealers, which were raised to \$8. Under present law, 94,000 cars in the lighter class (below 2800 pounds) pay \$3 a year, while 377,000 cars, including most of the popular makes, pay \$5.

The bill, introduced in January by Sens. Hal Bridenbaugh of Dakota City, Charles Wilson of Norfolk and Karl Vogel of Omaha, would have doubled the fee on farm trucks and commercial trucks of less than three tons. Heavier commercial vehicles would have been increased 50 to 55 percent in most instances.

The revenue committee recommended fixing all passenger car fees at \$6, doubling the 46,000 commercial trucks in the lighter-weight classes, and increasing the others 25 percent on the average. The committee arrived at this compromise after rejecting an even milder version proposed by Sen. Charles Tydik of Omaha and after once voting to send the bill to the floor in its original form which was the same bill as the one approved by the legislature in 1949 and knocked out in the referendum the next year.

The gasoline bill, which raises the state tax from five to six cents a gallon, will probably stand or fall on the outcome of the registration fee bill.

**Elections—**  
The legislature had something to say about elections and politics last week as it:  
Spurned Sen. Terry Carpenter's motion to raise his bill to provide that national committee men be elected at the primary

elections instead of at party conventions. The vote was 22 to 17.  
Revised Sen. Hal Bridenbaugh's bill revamping the presidential primary and the method of selecting delegates to the national political conventions. The vote was 24 to 8.  
Refused Sen. George Syas' attempt to revive his version of a presidential primary bill. The vote was 17 to 6.  
Passed a bill removing the provision for second choice for president. The vote was 43 to 0.

**Contracting—**  
The legislature this week had under consideration a bill limiting to five years the period a school may contract for education of its pupils. The measure last week won the endorsement of the education committee. As introduced at the request of Gov. Robert Crosby, the bill would have required the dissolution of a district after it had contracted for two years, but the committee voted to lengthen the period to five years.

The committee also approved a bill providing for a county-unit system of school administration. The measure is patterned after the Iowa system, which has a county school board over Class I and II districts.

Another bill approved requires children to attend school until they are 16. The age under present law is 14.  
The committee killed a bill providing for a vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to permit the leasing of state school lands by sealing bids instead of at a public auction as now.

**Budget—**  
Nebraskans should know sometime this week how much money the budget committee of the legislature is recommending to run the state government for the two year period beginning July 1.  
One of the capitol's best-kept secrets is the exact figure decided upon by the committee which has held almost daily sessions since the legislature convened early in January.

As an educated guess—and it's only a guess—this reporter predicts that the amount appropriated from the general (tax fund) will be right at \$58 million, the same figure appropriated two years ago. The total budget, which includes all funds, is expected to be about \$172½ million, approximately \$1 million less than for the current biennium.

**Terry—**  
One of last week's strangest sights was a silent Terry Carpenter. After a day in which he dominated the debate with personal attacks upon just about everybody in sight and the Omaha delegation particularly, the acid-tongued Terry sat brooding during Friday's calm and deliberate discussion. As a matter of fact, during the entire argument, Carpenter didn't say boo. And boo is one of the things Carpenter says best.

## Rites at Ewing for Linda Schmidt

EWING — Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, April 29, from St. Peter de Alcantara Catholic church for Linda Susan Schmidt, 2-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schmidt, jr., of Ewing, who died Monday, April 27, in St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill.

Linda and her parents were spending Sunday evening, April 26, at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walters, when the child suffered a coughing spell. In a semiconscious condition she was taken to the hospital where she died several hours later.

Rev. Peter F. Burke officiated at the burial rites in St. John's cemetery. Pallbearers were Delbert Carl, jr., Grove, Carl Walter and Robert C. Gilman.  
Survivors include: Parents; brother—Terry L.; grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walters of Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schmidt, sr., of Spalding; other relatives include Mr. and Mrs. Richard Diessner of Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pfeiffer of Albion, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmidt of Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walters of Parkston, S.D., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilman and family of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walters and family of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Walters and Kathy of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Walters of Pilger.

## Methodist Women Attend Breakfast

PAGE — Twenty-six women attended the May breakfast of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service last Thursday morning at the church. The breakfast program was in charge of Mrs. C. E. Wilcox and the decorations were arranged by Mrs. J. R. Russell.

The program theme was "A Garden of Friendship" and the taking part were Mesdames Wilcox, Cordes Walker and Merwyn French. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge, president; Mrs. Harry Harper, vice - president; Mrs. Raymond Heiss, promotion secretary; Mrs. R. D. Copes, recording secretary; Mrs. Herbert Steinberg, treasurer.

The next meeting will be May 14 in the evening when the W.C.S. members will meet with the King's Daughters at the church.

**Stutz Girls Mark Anniversaries—**  
Jolene and Ellen Stutz, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stutz, celebrated their seventh and sixth birthday anniversaries, respectively, Sunday afternoon in the home of their parents.  
Twenty-one little guests were present. The afternoon was spent playing games and a light refreshment was served.

## Legal Notices

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Julius D. Cronin, Attorney  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL**  
COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA.  
ESTATE OF JOHNN MCNULTY, DECEASED.  
THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, TO ALL CONCERNED:  
Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed for the probate of the will of said deceased, and for the appointment of Daisy E. McNulty as Executrix thereof, which will be for hearing in this court on May 21, 1953, at 10 o'clock A.M.

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## Connie Riege Is Crowned May Queen

**Group Dance Climax of Festival**

PAGE — Last Thursday and Friday the primary and intermediate rooms of the Page high school presented a May day pageant before more than 250 people.

Connie Riege of the fifth grade was crowned queen of the May. She was chosen queen by popular vote of the intermediate room. In honor of the queen several songs and dances were presented by the following: in costume: Flowers, butterflies, elves, fairies, raintrops, birds and sun.  
The climax of the event was the Maypole dance by all the pupils. The intermediate pupils wound and unwound the Maypole. Pastel streamers from the 12-foot Maypole made a colorful spectacle.

It is planned to make the May day festival an annual school affair.  
On Friday the invited guests were served lunch by the teachers, Mrs. Helen Braddock and Mrs. Hazel Park, who arranged and directed the pageant.

## Other Page News

Mrs. Norman Trowbridge, Miss DeMarie Faubel and Miss Edna Parks of Plainview came Friday evening to attend the senior class play.

Sgt. Sidney Frahm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Frahm, left Monday for Camp Carson, Colo., after spending a 30-day furlough here. He had just returned from Korea.

Mrs. Gertrude Synhorst and daughter, Mrs. Arlene McDaniels of Rapid City, S.D., spent Monday and Tuesday at the Rollie Snell home enroute home from Iowa where they had been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor spent the weekend in Grand Island and on their return they visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Palmer, in Norfolk.

Mrs. Harry Van Horn was hostess to the HOA club Tuesday, April 28. Seven members and three guests were present. The hostess served luncheon.

The 4-H club met with Mrs. I. O. Wood Friday. Mrs. C. P. Leach was a guest. Prizes went to Mrs. Matuschulat, high; Mrs. Hester Edminston, traveling; Mrs. George Park, low. Mrs. Wood served luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beelaert and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Harper were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes.

Those attending the district meeting of the Methodist church at Randolph Monday included Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, Mr. Herbert Steinberg, Rev. C. E. Wox, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heiss and Mrs. M. G. French.

Seven adults, accompanied by 13 members of the Methodist youth fellowship, drove to Emmet Sunday where they attended the MYF rally during the afternoon and evening. The Page MYF group conducted the devotions and also furnished a special song.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cable of Leadville, Colo., have been here on a two-weeks' vacation. They are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stevens, who left here Tuesday to go to Wisconsin where they will visit Mr. Cable's parents. On their return they will spend a few days at the Stevens home again before going to their home in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kane and Carolyn of Orchard spent Sunday at the Leonard Halstead home.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stevens had for their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cable of Leadville, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parks and son, Ronie.  
Mrs. Jennie French spent the forepart of the week in O'Neill with her daughter, Miss Alice French.  
The Nifty Needlers 4-H club met Tuesday evening, April 28, at the home of Lura Ann and Bonnie Crumly. The meeting was called to order by the club president, Faye Irene Ballantyne. Roll call was answered by reciting the 4-H pledge. Lunch was served after the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the home of Janice and Donna Crumly May 28.—By Sharon Crumly, news reporter.

## Dancey Sisters, SMA Graduates, in Double Wedding

Miss Ramona Ann Dancey and Miss Catherine A. Dancey, sisters, both graduates of St. Mary's academy, O'Neill, became brides in a double-wedding rite performed Monday, April 6, in St. Mary's Catholic church, Highmore, S.D.

Miss Ramona became the bride of Clarence W. Gluhm and Miss Catherine became the bride of Lee Marlin Peterson. Rev. Joseph O. Mardian officiated in the nuptial mass.

The sisters are nieces of Miss Margaret McCarthy and Dennis McCarthy, both of O'Neill.  
The brides are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Dancey of Holabird, S.D. Mr. Gluhm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gluhm of Harold, S.D., and Mr. Peterson the son of Mrs. Mary Peterson of Blunt, S.D.

The brides were ushered to the altar rail on the arms of their father as processional wedding music was played on the organ by Mrs. Christine Volz.  
Miss Ramona was gowned in an embroidered nylon net over Skinner satin, the skirt being fashioned with four tiers. The strapless bodice was topped by a fitted net jacket fashioned with a tiny collar and long sleeves forming a tip over the back of the hands. Her fingertip veil of illusion net was edged with a wide border of lace and was held in place by a crown-shaped tiara. She carried a single orchid. Her jewelry was a pear choker, a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Ramona's bridesmaid was her sister, Virginia, whose dress was orchid lace over taffeta and was fashioned with a ballerina length full skirt with a strapless bodice topped by a fitted long-sleeved jacket. Her fingertip veil of orchid net was held in place by a flower tiara and she carried a wedding ring bouquet of yellow mums and white carnation flourettes.

Miss Catherine's gown was of white nylon tulle over Skinner satin, fashioned with a full ballerina skirt and strapless bodice. Wide lace ruffles trimmed the full skirt. The jacket of her dress was embroidered net fashioned with long sleeves which came to points over the hands. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a crown-shaped tiara. Miss Catherine carried a wedding ring bouquet of white roses and blue iris. Her jewelry was a wedding aracelet, a gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Scott Gregg was attendant for her sister, Catherine. Her gown and veil, fashioned the same as Miss Virginia's, were of blue net over taffeta and her wedding ring bouquet was yellow mums and white carnation flourettes.  
Mr. Gluhm's attendant was Donald Dancey, brother of the brides, and Mr. Peterson's attendant was Scott Gregg, brother-in-law of the brides. Ushers were Wilbur Gluhm of Harold and Dale Peterson of Blunt, brothers of the bridegrooms. All men in the wedding party wore business suits and white carnation boutonnières.

The brides' mother wore a grey suit with black accessories. Mrs. Gluhm wore a wine suit with grey accessories for her son's wedding and Mrs. Peterson chose a grey suit with white accessories. Their shoulder corsages were white carnation flourettes.  
Tall baskets of calla lilies and daffodils stood at the altar railing of the church and the pews were tied with satin ribbon. Miss Ann Naughton sang "The Lord's Prayer" and Mrs. Niel Fieldens, "Ava Maria." The choir sang the high mass with Mrs. Christine Volz accompanying on the organ.

Following the wedding ceremony and high mass the wedding party knelt at the altar of the Virgin Mary as the choir sang "On This Day."

A wedding luncheon was served in St. Mary's hall. Hostesses were Miss Margaret McCarthy of O'Neill and Mrs. Fred Doreing of Blunt. Mrs. Doreing read a poem, "The Dainty Express," which had been written by Mrs.

## Byron Schwartz of Pierre, S.D.

The wedding party table was centered with a bouquet of yellow daffodils and daisies. The brides' cakes were decorated in their chosen colors, Ramona's in orchid and white, and Catherine's in blue and white. Candles in the brides' chosen colors also graced the table. The cakes were baked by the brides' mother and decorated by Mrs. Scott Gregg.  
The wedding luncheon was served by the ladies of St. Mary's Altar society.

Following a short wedding trip to the Black Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson will make their home at the bridegroom's farm home near Canning, S.D., and Mr. and Mrs. Gluhm will live at Holabird where they will operate the Steer Inn cafe as well as carrying on farming operations.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding included Miss Margaret McCarthy and Dennis McCarthy of O'Neill.

## Out of Old Nebraska . . . 4-Cent Per Acre Louisiana Good Buy

**150th Anniversary on April 30**

April 30 was a very important date in the history of the United States and of Nebraska. It marked the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase, that great feat of diplomacy and negotiation by which America's heartland was added to the United States. The total purchase price was \$15,000,000—about four cents an acre. When you consider the 17 great states, including Nebraska, which have been carved entirely or in part from the 900,000 square miles included in the deal, you can understand why those in charge of the 150th anniversary celebration have chosen as their slogan, "America's Best Buy."

It was not always thus. Francis J. Kelly, for example, tells a story in the Omaha World-Herald for April 26, about a geographer of the time who wasn't much impressed with the bargain.

He looked at the vast territory and about all he could see was a waste land of swamp, desert and wilderness.

There were many others who shared this dim view of the value of Louisiana to the United States. In the debate over ratification, Senator Plumer of New Hampshire said that the new territory would be impossible to govern and might even destroy older states. Senator James White of Delaware declared the admission of Louisiana would be the greatest curse that could befall the United States. He said: "We have already territory enough, and when I contemplate the evils that may arise to these states from the intended incorporation of Louisiana into the Union, I would rather see it given to France, to Spain, or to any other nation of the earth, upon the mere condition that no citizen of the United States should ever settle within its limits, than to see the territory sold for a hundred million dollars, and we retain the sovereignty."

Even if it were a desirable acquisition—which he was unwilling to admit—15 millions of dollars was a most enormous sum to give.  
History has often dealt roughly with prophets—and, in America, particularly with prophets of gloom. Those who opposed

ratification, those who felt that the United States could not afford so much territory even if it were of value—which they doubted—have long since been forgotten. But in this sesquicentennial year, those who had the vision and the courage to push through the purchase when the opportunity offered are remembered by a grateful nation. The men who negotiated the purchase were Robert Livingston and James Monroe. Livingston, in particular, as President Jefferson's minister to France, laid the groundwork for the great act of expansion.

The story of the Louisiana Purchase is indeed a great one. It is the story of the greatness of a few Americans who had the wisdom and courage to realize and seize a great opportunity and in so doing to forge a new philosophy of territorial expansion—by purchase rather than by war—and to start the United States on its way to becoming a world power.

## Rayburn - Stevens Rites at Chambers

INMAN — DeWayne Stevens and Miss Eleanor Rayburn of Wisner were united in marriage Thursday, April 30, in the Lutheran church at Chambers. Rev. C. D. Ankey officiated.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Anson of Ewing were the attendants.  
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son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are employed at Wisner.

**Guests at Fox Home—**  
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